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In re Application of:
Richard W. Tock, *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/849,181

Filed: May 5, 2001

For: **CELLULOSE FIBERS AND
THEIR USE IN REDUCING
VOC EMISSIONS**

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**ATTACHMENT TO RESPONSE TO
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.121, Applicant hereby submits versions of any replacement or added paragraphs of the captioned application, as well as any rewritten claims, on one or more pages separate from the amendment, marked up to show all the changes relative to the previous version of the paragraph(s) and/or claim(s).

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim(s) 8 and 16 was/were rewritten as follows:

8. (Amended) The improved method of claim [9] 7 wherein said cellulosic material additionally comprises between about 10 and about 50 weight per cent of lignin.

16. (Amended) The improved method of claim [8] 7 wherein said cellulosic material is selected from the group consisting of cotton burs, cotton stalks, flax, hemp, jute, cotton seed, rice hulls, wheat straw, corn stalks, peanut shells, sunflower shells, sunflower stalks, sugar cane, wood flour, wood pulp, sawdust, wood chips, tree bark, and mixtures thereof.

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Applicant responds to the Official Action of July 1, 2002 in the captioned application in timely fashion as follows. In the event the certificate of mailing was either inadvertently not executed or improperly executed, any necessary fees were not included with this Response and/or were insufficient in amount, or for any other reason this Response is not considered timely filed, request is hereby made for an extension of the time to respond and the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1331 (GORA,007-04) in the amount of any necessary fee.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please **rewrite** the following claim(s) (in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.12(c)(iii), another version of the rewritten claim(s), on one or more pages separate from this amendment and marked up to show all the changes relative to the previous version of that claim(s), is attached) to read as follows:

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8. (Amended) The improved method of claim 7 wherein said cellulosic material additionally comprises between about 10 and about 50 weight per cent of lignin.

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16. (Amended) The improved method of claim 7 wherein said cellulosic material is selected from the group consisting of cotton burs, cotton stalks, flax, hemp, jute, cotton seed, rice hulls, wheat straw, corn stalks, peanut shells, sunflower shells,